GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LANJIGARH-JUNAGARH RAIL LINE
AVSM, BRIG.(RETD.) KAMAKHYA PRASAD SINGH DEO

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Lanjigarh−Junagarh rail line in Orissa;

(b) the target date for the completion of that line;

(c) the reasons for delay in the acquisition of land for that line particularly from Bhawanipatna to Junagarh; and

(d) the steps taken to expedite the land acquisition work and timely completion of the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a): Land has been acquired partly. Work has been taken up in Lanjigarh to Bhawanipatna (31 Km) section, where earthwork and bridgeworks are in progress.

(b): No target date of completion has yet been fixed.

(c): Forestry clearance is yet to be received for some stretches.

(d): Ministry of Environment and Forests has been requested for early transfer of therequired forestland. State Government is also being actively pursued to expedite handing over of the possession of rest of the land. The work will be progressed and completed in the coming years as per the availability of resources.